



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Reply To: ECL-116

Mr. Chief Allan, Chairman
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
P.O. Box 408
Plummer, Idaho 83851-9703

RE: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Process at the Avery Landing Site, Shoshone County, Idaho

Dear Chairman Allan:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 is negotiating the conduct of a non-time critical removal action at the former Avery Landing Site (Site), Shoshone County, Idaho.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad owned and operated the Site from 1909 to 1977. The Site served as a switching station and light maintenance facility, and included a roundhouse, turn table, maintenance building, and a 500,000 gallon above ground storage tank. Activities performed by the railroad at the facility included train refueling, the use of solvents to clean engine parts, cleaning of locomotives by hosing them down, and equipment maintenance. The Site is located in a flat, filled bank at a bend on the St. Joe River. EPA has previously investigated the Site, and environmental samples show that railroad-related hazardous substances and petroleum product are found on-site at concentrations that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, welfare, or the environment.

The National Contingency Plan (NCP) requires completion of an engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) for all non-time critical actions. The NCP sets forth the procedures and standards for responding to releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants. The EE/CA provides a framework for identifying, evaluating, and selecting a recommended cleanup alternative appropriate for addressing the threats to human health, welfare, or the environment posed by the Site. The completion time for the EE/CA is likely six to nine months. Thereafter, the document will be open to public comment and evaluation, and EPA will select the final cleanup action.

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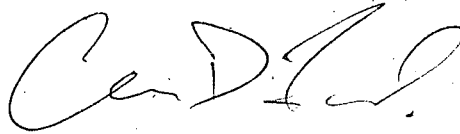
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Region 10 is available to discuss with you your interest in this Site. In particular, we are interested in developing an understanding of any concerns you might have with this Site. For further technical information, please contact Earl Liverman, the Region 10 On-Scene Coordinator for this Site at (208) 664-4858. If you have specific legal questions, please contact Richard Mednick, in the Office of Regional Counsel, at (206) 553-1797.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris D. Field".

Chris D. Field, Manager
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Office of Environmental Cleanup

cc: Earl Liverman, EPA Cd'A
Richard Mednick, EPA ORC